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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on June 19, 2007, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner as follows:

Species I, illustrated by Fig. 1;

Species II, illustrated by Fig. 18; and

Species III, illustrated by Fig. 20.

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Applicant notes the claims read on Figs. 1, 18 and 20 as follows;

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 19, 21-27 and 29 read on Fig. 1.

Claims 1-9, 11-19 and 21-29 read on Fig. 18.

Claims 1-30 read on Fig. 20.

From the foregoing, it is seen that claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 19, 21-27 and 29 are generic because they read on all of the drawing figures enumerated by the Examiner.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Fig. 1, on which claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 19, 21-27 and 29 read.

Since claims 1-7, 9, 11-17, 19, 21-27 and 29 are generic, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicant reserves his right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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